

The Heterodyne

Newsletter of the West Valley Amateur Radio Association

January Meeting

Ham Radio & My Careers
by **Bob Heil, K9EID**
via Skype

Wednesday, January 9
Meeting Starts at 7pm

Meeting Location:
American Red Cross,
Silicon Valley Chapter
2731 N. First Street at Plumeria Dr
(southwest corner) in San Jose

WVARA Repeaters (W6PIY)		
Band	Frequency	PL
6 Meters	52.580- MHz	151.4 Hz
2 Meters	147.39+ MHz	151.4 Hz
1.25 Meters	223.96- MHz	156.7 Hz
0.70 Meter	441.35+ MHz	88.5 Hz
0.23 Meter	1286.2- MHz	100 Hz

Club Net

WVARA's club net is on the W6PIY repeaters each Tuesday at 8:30 pm. All repeaters are linked together during the net. The net script can be found at www.wvara.org/net.html.

Visitors Are Welcome!

President's Letter

Again, a new year dawns on WVARA. While the year is young, it is probably a good time to review the year gone by and to consider what we want to do this time around. What new activities, adventures, technologies, and ideas will we investigate? What will we continue to do, and do with gusto? What was fun while it lasted, but now needs to be a part of our past? I invite each of you to reach out at any time to help me better understand your interests so I can make sure the club is doing its job to create an environment for everyone to do what they love.

Last January, I presented three things that summarize my view of what the club should consider: Activities, Technologies, and Involvement.

- 1. Activities** that we should be involved in. We made a good showing at both FD and CQP, with several members doing more on the Grid Chase, SOTA, and other fronts. What more would you like to do this year? What less?
- 2. Technologies** certainly moved a bit this year. FT8 is taking HF by storm, and is sure to



change our FD approach a bit. Satellites are being launched by the dozen, and there's now a D-Star bird in orbit. Old technologies filled our minds last January (CW). How did your skills fare? What do you think about digital modes on our repeater?

3. Involvement with other groups wasn't an organized activity on its own. However, FD was a public facing success and we will have the winter FARS banquet soon. In the coming year, I challenge each of you to join another organization's meeting(s) and give the club a 2 minute summary of the who, what, when, where, and why.

How we engage with the above defines us more than any other: We are here to have **fun** and to give everyone a chance to enjoy the hobby that brings us all together.

See you at the January meeting! Bobby K0XI

January Meeting Topic

Bob Heil, K9EID - Ham Radio & My Careers

Bob Heil is an American sound and radio engineer most well known for creating the template for modern rock sound systems. He founded the company Heil Sound in 1966, which went on to create unique touring sound systems for bands such as The Grateful Dead and The Who. He invented the Heil Talk Box in 1973, which was frequently used by musicians such as Peter Frampton, Joe Walsh and Richie Sambora, and is still in use today.

Heil has been an innovator in the field of amateur radio, manufacturing microphones and satellite dishes for broadcasters and live sound engineers. In the late 1980s Heil Sound became one of the first American companies to create and install Home Theaters, and Heil has lectured at major electronic conventions and taught classes at various institutions.

He has won multiple awards and honors, and in 2007 he was invited to exhibit at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

New Members

***The following new members
joined WVARA recently:***

Paul Sherman, KA6LAV

Wayne Opp, N6BTU

Welcome!!!

***FARS Annual Winter Banquet
February 15th, 2019 - 6:00PM***

***Highlights from the Archives:
Early Amateur Radio and Accounts of SOS Calls
by Bob Rydzewski, KJ6SBR
California Historical Radio Society***

<http://www.fars.k6ya.org/banquet/banquet2019/>

Reservations Required

We have been invited to join the Foothill Amateur Radio Society (FARS) for their annual winter banquet at Michael's restaurant in Shoreline park. Many WVARA members enjoyed the event last year.

This event is open to anyone who wants to attend, but reservations are required. Bring a spouse or a friend and of course bring a few dollars for the raffle.

All sign-ups should be received by 6:00 PM on February 11th. Mailed sign-ups should be posted by February 7th to be received on time.

WVARA Net Check-Ins (W6PIY)					
Tuesdays at 8:30 PM					
Call Sign	Name	12/11/18	12/18/18	12/25/18	1/1/19
Total		11	12	4	10
AE6JV	Bill	X	X		
AF6AE	Bill		X		
AI6NT	Henry	X			
K6QFO	Mike	X			
K6SCC	Brian				X
KF6EMB	Svend	X			X
KI6SLX	Peri	X	X		
KK6VF	Kevin	NET	NET		NET
KK6YZX	Richard		X		
KM6DAC	Cameron		X		X
KM6PEA	Steve		X		
N6BTU	Wayne	X	X	X	X
N6FYR	Matt	X		X	X
NU6P	John	X			
W6ESL	Tom		X		X
W6IA	Mark	X	X	NET	X
W6PK	Phil				X
WB6JHI	Steve		X		
WB6KHP	Dave	X	X	X	X

WVARA							
Statement of Position							
						printed	01/07/19
As of December 31, 2018							
							Dec 31, '18
ASSETS							
	Current Assets						
	Checking/Savings						
		1000 — Financial Accounts					
			1200 — Savings; BotW				4,495.89
			1300 — Paypal				3,318.26
			1100 — Checking; BotW				5,081.61
			1900 — Petty Cash - All				
				1910 — Petty Cash			155.18
			Total 1900 — Petty Cash - All				155.18
			Total 1000 — Financial Accounts				13,050.94
		Total Checking/Savings					13,050.94
	Total Current Assets						13,050.94
TOTAL ASSETS							13,050.94
LIABILITIES & EQUITY							
	Equity						
	3300 — Unrestricted Net Assets						
		3320 — Repeater Balance				3,128.63	
		3310 — Associaton Balance				8,586.40	
		Total 3300 — Unrestricted Net Assets				11,715.03	
		Net Income				1,335.91	
	Total Equity						13,050.94
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY							13,050.94

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